



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Tuesday - June 5, 2001**

- ***In the West***, hot weather is returning to ***southern California and the Southwest***, but cool weather and isolated showers are aiding pastures and dryland small grains in the ***Northwest***.
- ***On the Plains***, showers continue to benefit drought-stressed pastures and small grains in ***Montana***. Meanwhile, scattered heavy thunderstorms persist on the ***central and southern Plains***, generally benefiting emerging summer crops but causing localized flash flooding and slowing initial winter wheat harvesting.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, locally heavy showers and thunderstorms are maintaining adequate to locally surplus soil moisture for summer crop development, but slowing fieldwork, including soybean and final corn planting
- ***In the South***, hot, mostly dry weather is increasing stress on pastures and unirrigated summer crops in the ***southern Atlantic region***, where today's high temperatures are forecast to range from 90 to 95 degrees F. Showers continue from the ***Appalachians westward***, including locally torrential rainfall in the previously dry ***central and western Gulf Coast region***.

**Outlook:** Drier air is forecast to overspread the ***Plains*** by mid-week, but widespread showers and thunderstorms are forecast to continue in the ***Ohio Valley*** and much of the ***South***. The potential for additional heavy rainfall exists across the ***western and central Gulf Coast States***. Meanwhile, hot, dry weather is forecast to continue in ***southern California and the Southwest***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for June 10-14 calls for cool weather in the ***East and Northwest***, and hot weather in the ***Plains and Intermountain West***. Below-normal rainfall is forecast in the ***western Corn Belt*** and across the ***south-central U.S.***, while wet conditions are expected in the ***Pacific Northwest, Mid-Atlantic region, and parts of the interior South***. Near- normal precipitation is expected elsewhere.

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